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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Joseph C. CAUTHEN et al.) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application. No.: 10/075,615) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay
Filed: February 15, 2002	,))
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of August 29, 2003. A fee of \$475.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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